

Services Division

Committee on China

(Minutes of the Forty-Ninth Meeting -- 1330, 20 September 1955)

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Present: Messrs. [REDACTED]

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Guests : Messrs. [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

Current Topics Discussed

1. The probable number of Chinese Communist technicians undergoing training in the Soviet Union and European Satellites over the period of the Five-Year Plan.

2. The Chinese Communists have announced that some quarter million persons are being moved out of Shanghai back to the rural areas. Shanghai is probably the area of most severe urban unemployment in Shanghai.

3. The Chinese have announced that industrial targets for the first half, 1955, have been overfulfilled by 1.7%; this is 7.3% above first half, 1954, and presages a 6% increase for all of 1955 over 1954.

4. Some 140 fishing junks defected from South China to Hong Kong on 14 September. This is a further indication of the tight food situation in South China and the stringent controls over fishing activities.

Topics for Future Consideration

The discussion of current problems in Southeast Asia was continued with particular emphasis on Indo-China. It was suggested that the touchy situations in the area be further examined with a view to determining which are developing out of policy decisions and activities of either China and the Soviet Union and which, although developing from causes beyond their control, are subject to their exploitation. Possible consequences of these situations to the West should also be examined. Further discussion of this general topic is anticipated.

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1. Briefing by [REDACTED] CSS.

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2. Current items -- if time permits.